





## Half Way to Ladysmith

**Buller's Advance Checked At What Is Probably Boers' Last Position.**

**Three Days' Silence of Roberts Indicates That Cronje Still Fights.**

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 24.—(4:25 a. m.)—Mr. Buller announced in the House of Commons at 12:30 this morning that no further news from Gen. Cronje had been received by the government. He had sent to the war office at that hour and had been assured that nothing had come to hand there. Gen. Cronje, therefore, is unbeaten still. No other construction can be placed upon the three days' silence of Lord Roberts.

**BULLER AT PIETERSBURG.**

London, Feb. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Pietersburg dated Thursday says: "Fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Pietersburg this morning. Gen. Buller's advance being opposed by big guns and rifle fire."

**HALF WAY TO LADYSMITH.**

London, Feb. 24.—A despatch from Chieveley, dated 22nd, to the Daily Chronicle says: "At dawn Tuesday we found that the Boers had vacated all positions south of the Tugela, and were in positions along the hills midway between Ladysmith and the river, and making a determined stand. The British naval and other heavy guns were brought to bear on the new positions, and we believe that this show of Boer strength was only intended to cover retreat."

"Yesterday (Wednesday) the Boers were retiring all day. Gen. Buller continues to harass them, compelling the Boers to give way."

**METHUEN ADMINISTRATOR.**

Commander of Kimberley Relief Force Will Govern the District—Siege Rations Stop.

Kimberley, Feb. 22.—Lord Methuen arrived Tuesday. He will act as administrator of Kimberley district, extending southward to Orange River. Col. Kekewich will remain in command of the local forces.

The issue of siege rations today. There are 74 Boer prisoners here.

**PAPER WILL BE DEAREER.**

Canadian Makers Form a Union and Announces Twenty-Five Per Cent. Increase.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The paper manufacturers of the Dominion formed an association to-day for the control of prices. In common with other manufacturers they have felt the general increase in prices of articles entering into the cost of production, but they were unable to advance their own prices heretofore owing to the absence of a union. This difficulty was overcome to-day. Eighteen out of twenty-two paper manufacturers of the Dominion were represented at a meeting in the Windsor and agreed they agreed upon a basis of association. Four firms represented who, however, are small, will, it is expected, join. The first step of the new association was to order an increase of 25 per cent. on all lines of newspaper, wrapping, note and every other kind of paper. In order to provide against cutting of price or evasion of the agreement the firm of Jenkins & Hardy, Toronto, was appointed secretary-treasurer. Any disputes will be referred to them and they will have power to impose fines upon any member of the association breaking the agreement.

The well known strengthening properties of Iron, cod liver oil, and a most perfect nerve, are found in Carter's Little Liver Pills, which strengthen the nerves and help, and improve the blood and complexion.

**PROHIBITION FOR MANITOBA.**

New Premier Promises to Introduce Bill at First Session.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—(Special)—Premier Macdonald promised a temperance delegation to-day that he would introduce a bill at the first session of the legislature providing for prohibition in Manitoba.

**MILLION FROM TOBACCO.**

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 22.—The wealth of the late ex-Minister is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

Everyone naturally seeks the best value for his money. The difficulty lies in knowing where to find it. In the "Black Bay" Navy Cheating is far the best value in that class of tobacco. Delicious in flavor, free from all impurities, the most economical. "Black Bay" Navy Cheating Tobacco is Union made.

**EDITOR PROMOTED.**

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Omer Heroux, editor of the Tribune, the Conservative organ in Three Rivers, has been appointed editor of the new French Conservative morning paper here.

**THERE IS NO ARTICLE IN THE LINE OF MEDICINES THAT GIVES SO LARGE A RETURN FOR THE MONEY AS A GOOD PAIN-RELEASER.**

There is no article in the line of medicines that gives so large a return for the money as a good pain-releaser. "Plaster" such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters.

**MASONIC TEMPLE IN RUIN.**

London, Ont., Feb. 23.—The magnificent Masonic Temple building, with theatre and various offices, was entirely wrecked out by fire early this morning. Loss \$100,000. Both telegraph offices were destroyed.

**A QUEBEC REFORMER.**

Montreal, Feb. 23.—Premier Marchand will move in the legislature at Quebec, on Monday morning, in favor of the abolition of Quebec's second chamber, the legislative council.

**HE'S AN ABSOLUTE BEGGAR.**

And he's gone off to the front. And he's left to be taken to the core; but there's a fire in his heart. For the ones he's left at home. For they know he's a scoundrel's stock with "Jesse Moore."

**THE GREAT McEWAN—Tuesday, 27th.**

## Ministers Voted Out.

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The honorable gentleman was promotion when the opposition leader interposed a suggestion that Tuesday be named instead.

"Very well—Tuesday," said the Premier, no longer leader of the house. The house adjourned almost immediately thereafter. Mr. Turner having expressed the hope that the government would arrange to have pending private legislation completed prior to the terminating of the session.

It was not until the members were out in the lobbies that all tongues were loosened and the crowding incidents of the day were thoroughly discussed in all their various phases. As a rule the members of the government—that was accepted the defeat philosophically, as something to which they had been looking forward and were rather glad to have had come in the way it had. A few were bellicose, however, and Mr. Jos. Martin's erstwhile warm admirers—Mr. Ralph Smith and Mr. Kellie—were found holding up that doughy politician with his outbursts that threatened for a time to run into something yet more serious.

This, with the second chapter of the exchange of compliments between the member for South Victoria and the member for Alberni, had certainly left no one room to complain of lack of excitement in the eventful day.

The government had held the reins of power one year, six months and ten days—having taken office on the 13th August, 1898. The several ministers in British Columbia have held office as follows, in their respective order:

McCreight ministry—Dec. 1871 to Dec. 1872.

DeComos-Walkem ministry—Dec. 23 1872 to Jan. 27, 1876.

Elliott ministry—Feb. 1, 1876 to June 25, 1878.

Walkem ministry—June 26, 1878 to June 12, 1882.

Beaven ministry—June 13, 1882 to Jan. 20, 1883.

Smith ministry—Jan. 20, 1883 to March 29, 1887.

Davis (A. B. R.) ministry—April 19, 1887 to Aug. 1889.

Robson ministry—Aug. 3, 1889 to June, 1892.

Davis (T.) ministry—July 2, 1892 to March, 1895.

Thorne ministry—March 4, 1895 to Aug. 3, 1898.

Semlin ministry—Aug. 13, 1898 to Feb. 23, 1900.

Caution.—Beware of substitutes for Pain-Exterminator. It is nothing but a cheap, unqualified for cuts, sprains and bruises. Internally for all bowel disorders. Avoid substitutes. There is but one Pain-Killer, Perry-Davis' Pain-Exterminator.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Women's Auxiliary.—The women of the Auxiliary holding unsold tickets for the concert in Institute hall next Tuesday evening are requested to kindly return them at once to the Academy of Music, Bellot street.

Business For the Council.—At the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening next Mayor Hayward will recommend the introduction of a by-law to be known as the Expenditure by-Law, 1900. Ald. Williams will introduce the Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan by-law.

Popular Concert.—Those who desire a pleasant hour or two this evening cannot do better than attend the popular concert in Temperance hall. The occasion is "Gentlemen's night." By that is meant gentlemen only will take part in the programme, but the ladies will be very welcome in the audience. Mr. D. Brown is the soloist of the programme, and has associated with him on this occasion the choicest talent among the gentlemen artists of this city. A crowded house is expected, and it is intended to be a grand success. Make a point of being on hand early to secure seats. Doors open at 7:30; concert at 8:15. Ald. Beckwith is to occupy the chair.

A Great Builder.—The D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, a great builder, it gives weight, adds healthy flesh, and overcomes any downward tendency of health. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., makers.

**DEATH OF JAMES YATES.**

One of the Early Settlers in Victoria Died in Edinburgh Yesterday.

The death occurred near Edinburgh, Scotland, yesterday of Mr. James Yates, one of the first white men to settle in Victoria, but who has not been here for a number of years. The deceased was the father of Ald. James S. and Mr. H. M. Yates, of this city. He first came to Victoria for the Hudson Bay Company in 1840, and was in charge of the repairs of the company's ships which came out with merchandise. Although married for three years he only remained with them for 18 months after his arrival here. Seeing the possibilities of building up a large trading business he started for himself, at first on a small scale, but it soon grew to large proportions. He purchased skins and furs from the Indians, as did the Hudson Bay Company, and sent them to Edinburgh, where he received general merchandise in exchange. Mr. Yates remained in Victoria until 1862, when he took his children home to be educated. Returning the same year, he remained until 1864, winding up his business, and going back to Scotland and taking up his residence in a suburb of Edinburgh, where he resided until the time of his death.

Mr. Yates had very large property interests in Victoria, owning a large tract of land along the northern side of the Arm and extending back to the Burnside road. He also owned a lot of city and water front property, almost all of which was improved. Mr. James S. Yates has been managing this property since his return from Scotland some years ago.

The deceased was 81 years of age in January last. Besides the two sons residing here, four daughters survive him. At a meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association last evening the following resolution was passed:

That this association tenders to its vice-president, Ald. James S. Yates, its sincere regrets in the death of his father, which occurred to-day.

Just before receiving the cablegram announcing the death of his father Ald. Yates received a letter stating that he was recovering from an attack of influenza.

"If you have never tasted Jesse Moore's 'A.A.' whiskey, try it and be convinced that it is the best whiskey in the world."

## Fire Inquiry Again Adjourned

**Failure to Arrive at Decision at Last Evening's Special Council Session.**

**Chief Deasy Explains Confusion in Receiving Alarms on Night of Fire.**

The mayor and aldermen in special session last evening resumed the inquiry into the charge preferred against the workings of the fire department by M. Baker & Sons. The latter, it will be remembered, contended that a quantity of hay belonging to the firm was unnecessarily destroyed by the fire department throwing a too great quantity of water upon it.

At the commencement of the proceedings Ald. Yates raised the point that if M. Baker & Sons intended to proceed against the city it would be better not to go on with the inquiry.

Mr. Walls, counsel for Mr. Baker, stated that they were not attacking the chief in any way, but merely inquiring into the workings of the department on the night of the fire. He was not instructed to make any claim.

Ald. Yates pressed the point—whether or not there would be any claim by Mr. Baker against the city?

Mr. Walls, reading the original complaint, explained that it simply consisted of a request for an investigation into the cause of the great delay in the department reaching the scene of the fire.

Mr. Baker also explained that the object was to ascertain if there was any defect in the alarm system. If there was, the city should know it, and fix the blame if any exists. He had every confidence in the ability of Chief Deasy, and was sure if the department had got there in time none of the buildings would have been burned.

Ald. Beckwith thought it would be in order to hear from Chief Deasy. If the alarm system is defective we ought to know it. He understood that the chief had said that no one was to leave the fire hall until he returned on the occasion of the receipt of the first alarm on the night in question. If so, this was very strange.

Ald. Stewart was of the opinion from inquiries which he had made that the matter he referred to was not a charge against the department would vanish.

After some discussion between the Mayor and Messrs. Bradburn and Walls, counsel, Ald. Brydon expressed the opinion that the matter should proceed. If the city had walked into a trap the case should not have been opened at all.

Ald. Yates explained that the case for the city had not yet been opened. Mr. Bradburn mentioned that the only real point to decide was the question of the possible defectiveness of the fire alarm system, and Mr. Baker had no connection with that.

Mr. Hayward offered the opinion that if everything had been proved that that it was forward by Mr. Baker, the city would not be liable. In this he was supported by Mr. Bradburn.

Ald. Yates made the suggestion that the matter be referred to the fire wardens for further report. Ald. Cameron supporting the idea. The latter pointed out that if Mr. Baker was not satisfied he had other recourse. Why not let them investigate, make a report and then proceed?

After a little discussion it was decided to examine Chief Deasy. He explained that the wires had been disarranged during the burning, and he had been afterwards. On the evening of the fire he had heard the alarm 3 taps; this not being repeated, it was usual, four times, he had telephoned to the James Bay station and made inquiries. The man on watch there said he had got box 4. The Chief told him to get there in the city station not to follow him. Finding no fire over the Bay and returning to the city he had reached the corner of Fort and Government streets when he noticed a blaze down Government street. He immediately drove to the scene of the fire and on arrival there found the department hard at work. He considered it a most dangerous fire. A north wind was blowing and there was much smoke coming from the fire. If he could have commanded 20 streams of water he would have turned them all on.

Regarding his conversation with Mr. Baker, Chief Deasy mentioned that he had told him that he had been to him that it was not well to proceed on the vegetables stored in the building. The Chief explained the workings of the fire alarm system, pointing out how when the boxes were pulled simultaneously confusion might result.

To Mr. Bradburn the Chief explained that in his experience a fire was a dangerous combustible. It burned fiercely on the outside. The department had not been delayed on account of the confusion.

To Mr. Walls the Chief explained the circumstances in connection with the receiving of the alarm on the night in question. After some further questions, Ald. Yates moved that the inquiry proceed no further, the matter being seconded by Ald. Beckwith. Ald. Stewart also seconded the same for the reasons advanced by Ald. Yates. Ald. Yates' motion finally carried, and the council adjourned.

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**MARINE NOTES.**

The Empress will not sail until Tuesday next week, as the mails are a day late.

The C. P. R. bulletin announces the arrival at New York at 6 on Thursday evening of the White Star liner Teutonic.

The steamer Walla Walla from San Francisco arrived at 2:30 yesterday morning with 78 passengers and 63 tons of freight for Victoria. The steamer Queen sailed south last evening. The following were the passengers from Victoria: John Curran and wife, Mrs. J. Hyland, Mrs. L. Leary, F. Leary, Wm. Pender and wife, W. B. Bishop, A. Hutchinson, Rev. L. M. Luckie and wife, Misses Mary and Matthews, P. F. Shaw, H. F. S. Butt, George Kuagag and wife, P. D. Wells and wife.

**ROYAL INLAND HOSPITAL, KAMLOOPS.**

Wanted for the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, a lady superintendent to act as matron and head nurse. Applicants to state salary expected. Applications together with testimonials will be received up to Monday, March 5th. Address: THE SECRETARY.

**VICTORIA THEATRE.**

Tuesday, February 27th.

**RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S FAMOUS Georgia Minstrels**

50—PEOPLE—50  
2—BANDS—2

**HASSEN BEN ALL, FAMOUS TROOP OF ARABS.**

SPECIAL TRAIN OF CARS.

GALA STREET PARADE AT 2:30.

Prices: 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

Seats on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Store.

## LOCAL PATRIOTISM AROUSED

The Scheme For a Monument—Arrangements For a Popular Entertainment.

The Colonist's suggestion that a fund should be raised for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the brave members of the Victoria contingent who have laid down their lives in South Africa in defence of the flag, was the first item discussed at the meeting yesterday morning of the patriotic committee, held in the Mayor's parlour, city hall. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That in the opinion of this committee a suitable memorial should be erected to our brave boys who have fought so gallantly and died so gloriously in defence of their Queen and country, but that action thereon should be deferred for the present."

It was also decided that steps should at once be taken to hold a public entertainment at an early date in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association. In this connection it may be mentioned that Manager Janderson, of the Victoria theatre, has very generously offered the use of the house for any entertainment which may be arranged. A committee to look after this matter was appointed, consisting of His Worship Mayor, Ald. Hayward, Ridgway Wilson and H. Culbert, with power to add to their number.

The suggestion has been put forward that when the news of the relief of Ladysmith should be received, it would be appropriate for the public schools to be decorated by the city, so as to allow the children an opportunity of participating in the general rejoicing and to impress upon the young minds one of the most stirring incidents in connection with the present war.

**PATRIOTIC FUND.**

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Globe's National Patriotic Fund amounts to \$43,000. The fund's subscription includes \$300 from the North American, \$100 from the Globe, \$100 from the Canadian, \$100 from the Citizen, \$100 from the Mail, \$100 from the Star, \$100 from the Herald, \$100 from the Express, \$100 from the Standard, \$100 from the Leader, \$100 from the Sun, \$100 from the Times, \$100 from the Telegraph, \$100 from the Post, \$100 from the Review, \$100 from the Chronicle, \$100 from the Observer, \$100 from the Spectator, \$100 from the Economist, \$100 from the Financial Times, \$100 from the Morning Post, \$100 from the Daily News, \$100 from the Standard, \$100 from the Leader, \$100 from the Sun, \$100 from the Times, \$100 from the Telegraph, \$100 from the Post, \$100 from the Review, \$100 from the Chronicle, \$100 from the Observer, \$100 from the Spectator, \$100 from the Economist, \$100 from the Financial Times, \$100 from the Morning Post, \$100 from the Daily News, \$100 from the Standard, \$100 from the Leader, \$100 from the Sun, \$100 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## Resolutions Of Sympathy

Meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association Held Last Evening.

Would Contribute Liberally to a Fund to Erect a Monument.

At a meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association last evening it was decided that the association would contribute liberally to any fund raised to erect a monument to the memory of the Victorians killed in the fight at Modder River. Resolutions of sympathy were also passed; it was decided to attend the Drum Head service at the drill hall to-morrow in a body and a general meeting of the members will be held on Thursday evening next to take into consideration the providing of a memorial to the memory of Sergt. W. I. Scott. In regard to the fund for a memorial the following letter was addressed to the editor of the Colonist:

Sir—I am instructed by the managing committee of the J. B. A. A. to inform you that the members of this association holds themselves in readiness to contribute liberally to the funds for the monument suggested to be erected to the memory of the Victoria Boys who were slain at Modder River on Sunday last.

Yours faithfully,  
A. J. DALLAINE,  
Sec.-Treas.

The resolutions passed were as follows:

Be it resolved, that this association wishes to record its deep sense of the irreparable loss it has sustained in the death at Modder River, South Africa, on Sunday the 18th instant, of Sergt. William Ironsides Scott, a member of this association since 1892, and its most highly prized member who was slain while nobly discharging his duty in fighting the battles of his Queen and country.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. James Scott in behalf of the family, and tendering him the sincere sympathy of this association in the great loss they have sustained.

Be it further resolved, that members of this association, out of respect, do attend at the Drill Hall, Sunday the 25th the Drum Head service in memory of our deceased member, and all his other comrades who fell with him.

Be it further resolved, that this association tender its heartfelt sympathy to the families of all those Canadians who fell at the same time.

Lowered is our flag! Yet not in defeat! Our brother is gone! No need to repeat Deeds of his manhood, or generous, kind heart;

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None knew "Billy" but to claim him as friend;

Staunch and upright, and right he'd defend.

At our Queen's pageant show of her Empire's sons,

He for his comrades new honors won.

So with the color for country and Queen," With no faltering heart or doubtful men;

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"He" died a "Hero!" No greater honor can we pay

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February 22, 1900.

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SORBY HARBOR SCHEME.

Investigation Committee Held an Important Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The Sorby harbor scheme investigation committee met in the city hall yesterday afternoon to hear an explanation from Mr. Sorby as to the discrepancies between the figures and those submitted by the sub-committee on finance as the revenue to be obtained when the work is complete.

The committee finally decided to refer both the report of the finance committee and that of the committee on real estate to those committees to make a joint report. Before this decision was arrived at there was some discussion as to the discrepancies.

There were present at the meeting Mayor Hayward, in the chair, Aldermen Yates, Cooley and Brydon, and Messrs. B. W. Pearce, T. B. Hall and C. A. Holland. Mr. Sorby was also present.

In opening the meeting Mayor Hayward pointed out that while the finance committee figured that the revenue would be \$70,000 Mr. Sorby placed it at \$85,000. Thus according to the figures of the finance committee the surplus estimated by Mr. Sorby was completely wiped out.

Mr. Sorby replied that the committee had made a mistake and that he could explain it, while Ald. Brydon contended that they had figured it out differently.

members that the lessees of wharves would pay the same rent as now if they did not have the wharf dues coming in, while Mr. Sorby thought the payment by the trust of all taxes and other charges and that there would be deeper water would offset this.

The matter was referred back to the finance and real estate committee, as stated above. Mr. W. A. Ward was formed to the finance committee, Mr. James Fordan to the real estate committee and Mr. F. B. Pemberton to the engineering committee.

There was also some discussion as to the advisability of the council voting the money for the boring operations, but no action was taken. Mayor Hayward stating that he did not believe the money would be voted until the discrepancies in the figures had been explained.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Intermediate Championship.

This afternoon at the Caledonian grounds the Columbian and Victorians will decide the long standing question of supremacy and as to which team is to have the honor of representing the capital in the contest for the intermediate association cup which Victorians has now held two years. The Nanaimo Phisties after four games defeated the Wanderers of that city and the winners in this afternoon's game will have to meet them in the finals for the championship. Victorians and the Columbian are old rivals and always play close games. In this season they have each won a league game from the other, the first game on New Year's Day being won by Victorians with a score of 2 to nil, and the second by the Columbian 3 to 1. Each team has been strengthened since the last game, the Columbian putting on Jack Rithet at half back, while Isibster will go on the Victoria forward line. Mr. Donaldson will act as referee. Kick-off at 3 o'clock.

VICTORIA SENIOR PRACTICE.

All members of the Victoria senior team are requested to attend at Beacon hill this afternoon for practice, commencing at 3 o'clock sharp. The club has been doing very little practice lately, and unless they get in better shape will have hard work in the final games which will soon have to be played. Every member should do his best to attend every practice.

HANDBALL.

J. B. A. A. Tournament.

Some exciting games are looked for in the fourth handball tournament which will be held in the J. B. A. A. gymnasium during the next two weeks. The committee have been able to handicap the players more accurately since the last tournament. The committee are endeavoring to make arrangements to send a team over to Seattle on Easter Monday to compete with the Y. M. C. A. team there.

THE TURF.

Club Run.

The Victoria hunt club will meet at Colwood at 2:30 this afternoon for a cross country run.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Liver Pills, which are made especially for nervous, nervous, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents.

Promenade Concert.—Several selections have been placed on the programme for this evening's concert at the drill hall in honor of the Canadians who fell in the battle of Modder River. Among them are the "Immortelle" waltzes; "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Onward Christian Soldiers." Among the other special attractions are a vocal solo by Miss Victoria Penketh and a duet by Messrs. Morse and Carroll.

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These "Regulations" give the Local Board of Health power to compel all persons who have not been vaccinated within the last 7 years to be vaccinated. In the opinion of the Local Board, the present circumstances do not indicate the enforcing of "compulsory vaccination" for the purpose of safeguarding the public health the Board would earnestly advise all persons to whom these "Regulations" would apply to be at once vaccinated.

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R. L. FRASER, M.D., Medical Health Officer. Victoria, B.C., Jan. 31, 1900.

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34 102 245 361 469 559  
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74 158 311 428 502 599  
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J. H. LAWSON, Secretary.

J. KENNETH MACRAE, Victoria, B.C., Notary Public. Victoria, B.C., 1st February, 1900.

Countersigned,

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LEONARD H. HOLLY, Land Commissioner. Victoria, B. C., June, 1899.

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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
9:05 a.m.	8.4 feet.	1:10 a.m.	8.7 feet.
9:30 a.m.	8.2 feet.	4:40 a.m.	8.0 feet.
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Going Home.—A number of blue-jackets were on the blanda last evening en route home. They are from H. M. survey ship Egeria, which is recommissioning and is now at her wharf being put in order and repaired.

At Half Mast.—Robert Ward & Co., the Swedish consular agents here have shown their sympathy with the people of Victoria by flying the Swedish ensign at half-mast. Their thoughtfulness in doing so has caused much favorable comment.

Go to Drill hall concert to-night.

Soldier's Death.—Levi Harwood, aged 31, died at the Jubilee hospital on the 19th. The deceased had been in this province for about six years, and was a native of Cumberland, England. He was a gunner in the R. M. A. and had spent four years at Work Point barracks. Four years ago he acted as anchor man in the big international tug of war. The funeral will take place from Hanna's undertaking parlors.

Inspect new Rambler and Ideal Juveniles. Weiler Bros' Cycles, Broughton street.

Under False Pretences.—The case of Geo. Lucas, formerly of this city, but more recently of Atlin, came up in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon. Lucas was arrested on Thursday at Vancouver and is charged with having obtained \$700.00 from Roderick Morrison under false pretences. He was arrested by provincial constable F. Murray. Mr. Farquhar Macrae appeared for the prosecution and Geo. Powell for the defence. The case was adjourned till Thursday next.

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Death of Dr. Oliver.—Dr. A. S. Oliver, a prominent physician of Kingston, Ontario, brother of Mr. F. Oliver, agent of the Dominion Express Co., of this city, died on February 16, of pneumonia (heart disease). Dr. Oliver was many years professor of materia medica in Queen's College and for over thirty years was physician to the jail at Kingston. Holding that office at the time of his death, Dr. Oliver was noted for his kind and generous disposition and was beloved by the poor of Kingston, many of whom received advice and medical treatment for which he asked no reward. The doctor leaves a wife

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Canadians' Dinner.—The banquet to be given by the Canadian residents will be held at the Hotel Dallas on Thursday evening next.

Meeting Adjourned.—The monthly meeting of the Victoria Typographical Union, called for to-morrow has been postponed for a week to allow members to attend the services in the drill hall.

Go to Drill hall concert to-night.

Still Another.—A fourth action against Hon. Mr. McKechnie for occupying a seat in the legislature after forfeiting his qualification, was entered yesterday, the amount claimed being \$500 for Thursday's sitting.

Notices of Motion.—Two by-laws will be introduced at Monday evening's meeting of the council. Ald. Yates has given notice of the Point Ellice bridge accident, lost by-law and Mayor Hayward of the expenditure by-law, 1900.

Teacher Wanted.—F. H. Eaton, secretary of the board of school trustees, is calling for applications for the position of a teacher holding a first-class certificate for the Victoria schools. Intending applicants should apply immediately.

Accepted for Strathcona's.—Another name must be added to the honor roll of Victoria volunteers for Strathcona's Horse. A telegram from Ottawa yesterday announced that Albert Vernon, who had gone to the Capital with a view to enlistment, had been duly accepted. He is a son of Mr. Charles A. Vernon, of this city, and has hosts of friends who will wish him well in his adventures in South Africa.

West Coast Mines.—D. McKinnon, the West Coast mining man, has received a letter reporting a new and rich discovery in the Alberni district. J. Wilson and his partner, Ward, have staked a property adjoining their claims on Copper mountain, four miles from Alberni. Messrs. Wilson and Ward have traced the lead for about 600 feet. As yet it has been assayed only for gold. Mr. McKinnon says that Wilson is considered one of the luckiest prospectors on the Coast. The letter says that the Raven property, situated near the townsite of Alberni, and owned by Ward and Lowe, is being worked and is turning out a first-class property.

## MARINE NOTES.

Vessels From British Columbia Ports Will Not Have to Have Bills of Health.

Secretary Spaulding, of the United States treasury, has issued a circular, dated February 9th, and addressed to collectors of customs at various ports. The circular states that bills of health will not be required from masters of vessels clearing from British Columbia ports unless there is disease at the port of departure. Hawaiian Isles were taken into Esquimalt harbor yesterday morning by the tug Pilot, to take on a crew. She is bound for Santa Rosalia with 2,200 tons of coke and about 200 tons of coal.

Word has been received from the sealing schooner Zillah May, at Drake Bay. She has 98 skins and reports the Arctics with 120 and the E. B. Marvin with 8.

Go to Drill hall concert to-night.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

To Be Held in the James Bay Methodist Church on Sunday.

The James Bay Methodist church will be draped in black next Sunday, out of respect for the honored dead. Arrangements are being made for the suitable fastening of the screen and reading desk. A device, resembling crossed swords with a wreath across the centre, and a tripod of reversed arms, will be placed in front of the rostrum. The evening service will be fully choral. A special funeral hymn written for the occasion by the pastor will also be rendered.

The Rev. J. F. Vichet will conduct the morning service at 11 o'clock, the pastor preaching a funeral sermon at 7 o'clock. The funeral hymn written by Rev. Mr. Hughes follows:

Arranged for tune "St. Cross," by Dr. Dykes.

O Holy Comforter, draw nigh:  
Behold with love our bitter tears:  
Hark! 'Tis the mother's mournful cry  
That claims Thine ever-listening ears.

Forth from the Empire's Western Gate,  
Her hardy sons went hastening on;  
Their one desire to serve the State;  
They served it; now their work is done.

Death chanted in the cannon-roar  
Mid lethal sound of bursting shell,  
Hard by the Mother's treacherous shore,  
The men we loved—as men they fell.

The river melt, a shroud of white,  
The gory veldt, their dying bed,  
The stars that held the pall of night  
Shone silent, o'er the lonely dead.

Peace be their end: so far away,  
Their flowerless grave we may not see;  
They died upon the Sabbath Day:  
Their may the endless Sabbath be.

To mourning hearts, so full of pain,  
Give grace, O Comforter, we pray;  
And grant that they may meet again,  
Their loved ones on the Easter Day.

Very Annoying.—One of the most vexatious things in modern times is to read as it were a story in our daily papers and then find at the end of the same a patent medicine ad. Of course, the thing is not just what we like, but as there is near at hand a pleasant remedy which comes to all who buy their newspapers, books and stationery at the Victoria News Co.'s store, 86 Yates street, R. C. Williams manager, the annoyance after all is not so very great.

## Defeat In Legislature

Vote on Redistribution Bill Results Adversely to the Ministers.

Premier Makes No Comment But Asks for Adjournment to Tuesday.

Member for Alberni Says His Offensive Words Were Applied to Opposition.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23.

No sooner had the house met in the usual way, with prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell, than the incident of Thursday evening between the member for South Victoria and the member for Alberni was resumed by Mr. Neill rising to a question of privilege.

Mr. Neill said that he held in his hand a copy of the Colonist, in which he found the following reference to himself, attributed to Mr. Eberts:

"When told in the lobby the news that brought mourning to so many Canadian homes, the member for Alberni had no word of sympathy or regret. He simply contented himself with the cruel comment that 'it will do away with the heady patriotism of these Canadians.' It is understood that Mr. Neill's explanation is that the callous remark was made in the course of private conversation, and therefore he thinks should not have been given public repetition."

To take the lesser charge, he held that it was a mistake to say that his objection was to a private conversation being introduced in the house, but he disputed the version given of the conversation. It had occurred not in the lobby, but in a private room, known as the members' room. Mr. Eberts had not been the one to tell him of the misfortune to the Canadians; he had heard of it before coming into the house, and had expressed due regret. The conversation with the member for South Victoria, which that gentleman had distorted, had lasted only a moment, and contained no reference whatever to the serious charge, he hoped that it would not be necessary for him to work himself up into a bombastic fury as some other gentlemen appeared to regard as necessary with them, in order to convey the house that he was speaking the truth. He hoped that he would not be necessary for him to work himself up into a bombastic fury as some other gentlemen appeared to regard as necessary with them, in order to convey the house that he was speaking the truth.

He had asked the member for South Victoria to withdraw the statement, but that member had declined to do so, saying that he had written down the words used, and was prepared to stand by them as having been used. For himself, he (Mr. Neill) could only reiterate that he had no reference whatever to the Canadians. The words he had used were prepared to stand by; he had referred to the frothy mouthings of the opposition as "lip loyalty," not to the Canadians, and other soldiers in any sense or connection, and the member for South Victoria would know it. It was altogether unlikely that he should so malign the Canadian soldier—particularly as he had many relatives and dear friends actively engaged in the war. He closed with another emphatic declaration that neither in word, thought, deed or action, had he cast imputations or aspersions upon the loyalty of the Canadian soldiers.

Mr. Eberts asked to be permitted to reply, and Mr. Speaker according this privilege with consent of the house, the member for South Victoria announced that he took back nothing of what he had said in regard to the soldiers of Canada, which had been correctly reported in every detail. "I take back nothing that I said yesterday on the floor of this house," said Mr. Eberts, "and I say that in attempting to get up this explanation, the member for Alberni is simply continuing in his untruth."

"Mr. Speaker, I ask that that be taken down," said Mr. Neill.  
"Yes take it down," said Mr. Eberts.  
"It will be taken down," said Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Eberts continued that he had reported the remarks of the member for Alberni truthfully as they occurred. He had told that member of the ninety Canadians lost in battle, and the member for Alberni had said that it would take "some of the heady patriotism out of these Canadians." Nothing whatever had been said in reference to the members of the opposition; there was nothing that he had introduced any such reference; what Mr. Neill had intended to convey was that the Canadian volunteers had gone to the front with a very fine show of loyalty and patriotism, but now that they had learned the grim cost of war they were not so eager to display their "headly patriotism." There had been no reference to any others than the Canadians; the words he had taken down at the time, in less than five seconds; and the words and connection were quoted.

He had been asked to withdraw the charge by Mr. Neill on Thursday evening, but had told him he would not do so. As he had said to him in the lobby at the time of his foul aspersions he should be ashamed of himself.

"You are a liar," said Mr. Neill half-rising in his place.

"Just come outside and say that," said Mr. Eberts, "come outside now if you dare."

Mr. Speaker then adjourned the house until Tuesday.

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Mr. Speaker shouted and rapped for order, but unsuccessfully for several moments, for galleries as well as house were in uproar.

"The member for Alberni will withdraw that remark," said Mr. Speaker, as soon as he could command attention. After a moment of reluctance Mr. Neill did so.

"In reference to your official authority, Mr. Speaker," he said, "I will withdraw my statement that the honorable member for South Victoria is a liar." Then Mr. Neill insisted that the member for South Victoria should also be compelled to withdraw his charge that he (Mr. Neill) was "continuing in his untruth."

Mr. Speaker asked that this be done. Mr. Eberts' reply was: "I will humbly apologize to all honorable gentlemen and to you, Mr. Speaker, but I withdraw nothing. I will at all times, if in the wrong, humbly acknowledge it and ask the pardon of the house and of you, Mr. Speaker—I apologize to every honorable member—but not to that man, never. And I will ask for the consensus of opinion of the house, if they do not think I am justified."

"Am I to have justice, Mr. Speaker?" insisted Mr. Neill. "I have withdrawn my statement; the honorable member for South Victoria should do the same."

No, sir," said Mr. Eberts; "not to you."

"The honorable member for South Victoria has apologized to the house," said Mr. Speaker.

"He has not yet withdrawn," said Mr. Neill. "I must ask you, Mr. Speaker, to insist on your order being obeyed."

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"I will never withdraw what I have said to that man," replied Mr. Eberts. "It's the truth."

"I insist that the Speaker's order be obeyed," said Mr. Neill. "I withdrew my offensive statement, though with great reluctance."

"I beg to inform," said Mr. Prentice, "that in the opinion of this house the apology to this house of the honorable member for South Victoria is quite sufficient."

Mr. Neill (with increasing heat)—"I insist, Mr. Speaker," that you should enforce your order."

Then, after a considerable pause, "After you going to enforce your authority or not?"

Mr. Speaker—"The house can take it out of my hands."

Mr. Joseph Martin—"I beg to suggest this is not the proper course to take in this matter. There is no question at all as to what his powers are in matters of this kind. You, sir, are perfectly familiar with that rule. It seems to me that the honorable gentleman is perfectly right in insisting on his rights in this house. The rule is clear and well known, and surely each member here is entitled to have the rule applied."

After several of his colleagues had spoken to him, Mr. Eberts rose and said: "After thinking the matter over, Mr. Speaker, and in deference to your request as Speaker of this house, I beg leave to withdraw my words." Then he added, with a significant glance toward the seat of the member for Alberni, "Now I'll just step outside," and suiting the action to the words, he left the house.

The house then proceeded to business.

**CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.**  
Hon. Mr. Semlin presented the petition of the Mission Board of Vancouver, with reference to cases of cruelty to children, and asking for protective legislation.

**PETITIONS RECEIVED.**

The following petitions were read, received and ordered to be printed:

From the Trout Lake Trades Committee, opposing bill to incorporate the North Kootenay Power & Light Company.

From R. B. Kerr, Charles Cummings, Joseph Stirrett and others, re incorporation of the city of Phoenix.

From Clarke & Stuart and others, of Vancouver, re printing of Supreme court appeal books.

From the Sandon Miners' Union, re eight-hour law.

**KITMAAT RAILWAY BILL.**

Mr. Green, for the private bills committee, presented the eighteenth report of that body, presenting the bill of the Kitimaat Railway & Navigation Co.

**INSANE ASYLUM INQUIRY.**

Mr. Higgins presented the report of the select committee appointed to visit the provincial asylum at New Westminster. It appears in full in another column.

Mr. Kellie had understood there was something wrong at the asylum, into which inquiry was to be made. Did the committee intend to make a subsequent report?

Mr. Higgins—We may. You will notice we haven't yet asked to be discharged.

**FIRST READINGS.**

First readings were given the bills to provide for an official sealing of timber (Hon. Mr. Cotton); and to facilitate the incorporation of the city of Phoenix (Mr. J. M. Martin). The second readings were set for the next sitting of the house.

**WESTERN TELEPHONE BILL.**

Mr. J. M. Martin moved: "That the report of the committee on private bills and standing orders, in so far as it relates to the petition of the Western Telephone & Telegraph Company, be not received, but that the standing orders of this house be suspended to allow the bill to be introduced on payment of double fees."

Mr. Higgins—Is that resolution in order?

Mr. Speaker—It is.

Mr. Higgins—I've no objection. The resolution was carried.

**REDISTRIBUTION.**

"I now move that we proceed to the Orders of the Day," said Hon. Mr. Semlin, and the debate on the redistribution proposal was thereupon resumed.

MR. JOSEPH MARTIN thought that the government should certainly have taken more effectual measures for getting this redistribution bill through the house. As it was the bill, no matter how the government and house might wish to expedite its passage, would have to wait from day to day, according to the rules. In the House of Commons and in other parliamentary bodies, on such occasions, the practice was to call special sessions for evening or so-called night sessions, a session being a continuation and part of the day's assembly, it was to be regarded as a separate sitting, and thus two stages be dealt with in a single day. Brief and desultory discussion of this suggestion followed.

MR. HIGGINS then continued the debate. He attacked the bill with reluctance, he said, in the first place because of its importance and in the second place because it bore on its face evidence that it had been brought down by the government in a state of panic, the result of the junior member for Vancouver's resolution. Prima facie evidence that the bill had not been maturely considered was found in the absence of any maps or definite information upon which the house might proceed intelligently in consideration of its provisions. If further evidence were needed to the same effect it was found in the fact that no reference whatever had been made to such a measure in the speech from the throne, while on the contrary there had been a provision for a partial measure giving a member to the Boundary country. The fact was that this bill had been brought down hurriedly and without due consideration, under the whip of the member for Vancouver. It was not a fair bill or one that would do justice to the interests and industries of the country. That it was unfair and designed to sweep the working out of political ambitions was evidenced in the fact that Esquimalt (which had fallen under the ban of the present government) was reduced from two members to one; while Alberni, with a much less population, retained its member. Other features of the bill were commented on, while the member for Esquimalt referred with indignation to the cancellation of the voters' lists of Victoria and New Westminster, which must have been done with sinister object, and which, as he had been advised by good lawyers, it was to be noted that the member for South Nanaimo had got a

gerrymander line to benefit him in his district. Extraordinary powers were conferred in the bill, which the house should not under any circumstances approve; and no member of the government had yet been bold enough to endorse the statement from Mr. Kellie, who apparently spoke as in the confidence of the administration, when he had said that the passage of this legislation was preliminary to an appeal to the people, and that the government had "been working out the bill for some time past."

Mr. Kellie—I speak for myself, and for myself only, said Mr. Kellie.

Mr. Higgins, continuing, said that he had already drawn attention to the fact that there was not a map or any other kind of information before the house whereon this bill could be intelligently studied. The house should demand a map of some kind before it proceeded to the discussion of this bill. The very fact that the important matters had been forgotten or at any rate omitted, was prima facie evidence that the government never intended to bring in this measure until forced to do so a few days ago. He referred to the manner in which the member for Rossland had rubbed his hands when it was announced that another member was to be granted for Esquimalt, and declared the arrangement to be perfectly satisfactory.

Mr. Tisdall, also had spoken in the most glowing terms of the Alien Labor Law, and almost immediately afterwards the government had introduced legislation to repeal that law. The fact of the matter was, that this bill was prepared under the guidance of the last member for Vancouver—one could almost hear the swish of his whip as it struck the shrinking forms. (Laughter.)

Mr. Higgins then went on to speak of the district of Esquimalt, which was to lose one member, and pointed out its importance, comparing it with other constituencies, and showed—though he was not taking off his coat or even buttoning it up—he could not help feeling a little warmth at the manner in which the government had attempted to deprive this district of its representation. As for the cancellation of voters' lists, he never could understand why all four representatives at present on the opposition side of the house, and the supporters of the present government, after a reference to the Kootenays, the speaker declared that the government was moribund and had lost the confidence of the country and had lost control of the house. They could not carry on the business of the house; private bills were hung up and everything in a disorganized state. Reference had been made to mining communities, and their populations; his knowledge of those communities was that they shifted about like the sands of the sea. He pointed to the cases of Rossland, and Dawson, to illustrate his contention.

Mr. Higgins then enthusiastically described the mineral riches of the South Esquimalt district, exhibiting specimen of the ore found in various parts of the district. He asked the house to weigh well the bill before it and to vote rather for the amendment than the bill.

MR. BOOTH directed attention to the great injustice that was contemplated in this bill toward the agricultural interests of the province, and made a strong comparison between the mineral industries (and what they had accomplished for a country) and the agricultural industry. He contended that the latter was of far greater permanent value, and that it ought to be encouraged in every possible way, instead of which the present government was aiming a blow at it. He concluded by saying that this government would rather rule in a wrecked and bankrupt province than give place to men who could produce a different condition of affairs.

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speaker to the effect that the Kootenays were practically bankrupt. Such was far from being the case, and the hon. member went on to cite facts and figures to prove his contention. It was the opposition policy, he said, to object to every bill that was brought in by the government, no matter what its intent, but he did not think they had any reason to object to this measure of redistribution.

MR. GREEN also objected to the remarks of Mr. Booth regarding the Kootenays and gave a very careful account of the progress being made in that district at the present time. It was true that the Kootenays had borrowed largely, and the people there were duly grateful for the assistance rendered to them, but that loan had been paid back, or was being paid back, and the districts were now ready to bear a fair share of the burdens of the province.

It had been said that the great portion of the mining districts were practically itinerant, but this was unfair to those people, and besides there was in the Kootenays a large area of the finest agricultural land in the province, so that if the mines of the Kootenays are ever worked out, that portion of the province would not go back to the state of a wilderness, but would be able to maintain its place in the front rank of the province. No member on the opposition side had proved that there was anything wrong in this bill. The accusations they had made as to pocket boroughs and the like were absolutely disproved.

Mr. Green then entered into an interesting description of the various parts of the Kootenay district to show that they were flourishing, and wound up his remarks by saying that some members of the opposition had insinuated that this bill was an attempt to revive the sectional feeling between the Island and Mainland. But one had only to take the map and examine for himself to see the groundlessness of this charge.

MR. POOLEY wished to know what the government had been doing during the interval between the adjournment of the house last Thursday and the resumption of business on the following Monday. He claimed that this bill was produced in that interval as a direct consequence of the motion brought forward by Mr. Joseph Martin, and it was produced while the government were in a state of panic. He would like to know a good deal more about the origin of this bill, and the country wanted to know a good deal more about it, too. He could not believe that this measure would pass; it was not a bill that the country desired to see pass; it was inimical to the best interests of the province. It took away mining from the province, and gave it to others, such as the Kootenays. He did not think the people of the Kootenays desired to have this added representation. But the bill was brought forward in the hope of assisting the government at the elections.

Mr. Pooley then went on to speak about the Esquimalt district, and said that he was very much interested in the fact that the government were in a state of panic, and yet they spent a great deal of money there and produced a great deal of business. These people were a direct benefit to the farmers and cattle raisers of the district. These people ought to have representation in the house. He was pleased to state that the population of Esquimalt district was steadily increasing, and the attention that was being paid to its great mineral resources was most gratifying. The district had mineral deposits of the highest value, and the prospects for development in this direction were immense and encouraging. He thought the policy of the government was very small and poor in this matter. If they had taken time to consider what they were about they might have done better with this measure; but instead of that the thing was done with a rush and in a panic, and the very imperfect bill before the house was the result.

Mr. Turner—When I moved the amendment to this bill we had no information before us, which was referred to in a hasty and unconsidered manner, being made to maps. Since that time the information sought for has been supplied. As this explains matters pretty fully, I beg to withdraw the amendment.

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## BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Progress of This Institution as Declared at the Recent General Meeting.

From The Financier of Feb. 9, 1900.

The general meeting of this bank was held yesterday at the Cannon Street Hotel, B.C., under the presidency of Sir Robert Gillespie, chairman of the company.

The secretary and manager (Mr. S. Cameron Alexander) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The chairman said: Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts made up for the half year ending 31st December, 1899, have been in your hands for the last few days, and I have no doubt have received your attentive perusal, and I trust they prove satisfactory to you, showing as they do an improvement on those of the two preceding half years. The successful progress of trade and other interests in British Columbia have proved important factors in the year 1899, and while the bank has benefited by it, the result has hardly been so marked as we had hoped for, but I am pleased to be able to state at the same time, that in the face of keen competition we hold our own, notwithstanding the persuasive powers of some of our competitors.

I would also remind you that we have now to compete with nine banks, whereas for some years after our establishment in the colony we were the only bank, with the exception of the Bank of British North America, believe, in the province of British Columbia. As you will have observed, our profit and loss account shows a credit balance of \$20,010 is 11d, after making provision for all ascertained losses, and after adjusting the value of our securities with present quotations, but which, I may fairly state without doubt, will be recouped so soon as the normal condition of the markets on the stock exchange resumes a more confident feeling as to the eventual issue of the troubles in South Africa.

From this balance we propose to pay you a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, which will absorb \$15,000, leaving a balance of \$5,010 is 11d to be carried forward to next half-year, and I will move a resolution to that effect before resuming my seat.

I have already referred generally to the successful progress making in British Columbia, and in corroboration of that fact I venture to trouble you with a few interesting figures. The exports, the produce of and from British Columbia, including the mines, fisheries, lumber, agricultural products, etc., in the year 1897 gave a total value of \$3,458,000, while in the last year, ending 31st December, they represented a value of \$14,748,000, of which amount \$10,467,500 were derived from the mines.

I will also mention as most encouraging that during the first half of the Canadian fiscal year ending December the customs returns show that the imports and exports compare to increase. The imports amounted to \$93,697,800, an increase over the same period of last year of \$14,746,525, and the exports reached a total of \$109,793,755, an increase of \$10,830,772. I am now of course referring to the whole of Canada.

In reviewing the vast natural resources of British Columbia and their initial stage of development, one cannot fail to be favorably impressed with the possibilities of the future. These resources are gradually becoming better known, and capital for their development is coming in more freely, while the trade is extending to many parts of the world, so that we may fairly expect increasing banking facilities will be required, and I trust the Bank of British Columbia may participate fully in the improving condition of things, to secure which no effort on the part of your directors shall be wanting.

I now beg to propose: "That the report and statement of accounts, as now submitted, be received and adopted."

Mr. G. O. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Mackey, having remarked that the chairman was absent from the last meeting, and that he was sure all the shareholders were glad to see him in the chair again, desired to ask how it was that banking business on the Pacific Coast was unprofitable. The chairman had told them that there were nine other banks competing with the Bank of British Columbia, but with the constant increase of business there surely ought to be ample room for quite that number of banks in addition to their own. In the city of London there were a great many banks, and they managed to pay dividends ranging from 18 per cent. downwards, whereas this bank only seemed capable of paying a dividend equal to about 4 per cent. on its paid-up capital and reserves. There surely must be something intrinsically rotten in a system of banking business which did not produce a better result than that. He did not refer merely to this bank, but also to other London banks which did business on that coast. He felt there ought to be some mutual understanding by which the banks engaged in business there should not each other's throats and render their business so exceedingly unprofitable.

The chairman, in reply, said: Until the last three years the bank paid handsome dividends, and it was only owing to the calamity which then came upon them in the way of bad debts that the dividend was suspended. They were now doing their best to recover their losses, and get clear of those responsibilities. The closest attention of the directors was given to the interests of the bank, and they were endeavoring to control, to the best of their ability and power, the working of the bank through its different branches. He hoped yet to live to see the bank return to its former position.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman next moved: "That a dividend be paid on the paid-up capital of the bank at the rate of 5 per cent., free of income tax, for the half-year ending 31st December last, payable on or after the 12th inst."

Mr. Henry J. Gardner seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

Dr. Drysdale proposed the re-election of Mr. Wyndham Gibbes and Mr. Robert Cumming as auditors, remarking that he had the honor of being acquainted with Mr. Gibbes, and knew what an able man he was.

Mr. Walker, in seconding the motion, said that Mr. Gibbes, besides being able and honest, and he had no doubt the affairs of the bank would be perfectly safe in his hands.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Drysdale, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors for their able conduct of the business of the bank, expressed the hope that the chairman might be spared to assist in his present office many years to come. Referring to the affairs of the bank, he added that the liquid assets were so very good as compared with the liabilities that the shareholders need have no fear whatever with regard to the bank.

Mr. Mackey seconded the motion, expressing the hope that the proposer would allow the staff of the bank to be in London and abroad to be included therein, and Dr. Drysdale concurring, the proposition was carried unanimously in that form.

The chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment. He said the directors had been greatly disappointed at not being able to show a better return, but their policy was a very conservative one, for they deemed it necessary to conduct their business upon very stringent rules, looking very carefully into the character and standing of the parties who did business with them. So long as he was spared he would give his best attention to the interests of the bank, seconded as his efforts were by his kind and valued colleagues.

The secretary thanked the shareholders for their kind expressions of confidence in the staff, and said that from his own ex-

perience he could truly say there was no bank doing business abroad which had a better or more reliable staff.

The proceedings then terminated.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.**

Full List of Those Who Subscribed to the Fund For Mrs. Wilson.

Following is a complete list of those who subscribed to the fund in aid of Mrs. Wilson, whose husband was killed on the E. & N. railway:

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Cash ..... 1 00  
A Sympathizer ..... 1 00  
Cash ..... 1 00  
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Mrs. J. Connors ..... 1 00  
R. Northwick ..... 2 00  
Friend ..... 1 50

A Friend ..... 50  
Sunday collection at Universal Brotherhood meeting ..... 10 85  
Mrs. Chas. Kent ..... 2 50  
C. J., Esquimalt ..... 1 00  
Sympathizer ..... 5 00  
Mrs. J. Connors ..... 1 00  
Cash ..... 1 00  
E. N. ..... 1 00  
R. D. Davis ..... 1 00  
Mrs. H. W. Murray ..... 1 00  
Ald. Beckwith ..... 5 00  
Mrs. Kosche ..... 1 00  
Friend ..... 1 00  
G. Brewster ..... 1 00  
W. N. ..... 1 00  
Mrs. McGill ..... 1 00  
Anonymous ..... 2 50  
H. B. ..... 2 50  
Mrs. R. H. Brown ..... 2 00  
H. N. ..... 1 00  
S. J. D., Vancouver ..... 5 00  
E. S. ..... 1 00  
N. D. J., Vancouver ..... 1 00  
A Friend ..... 50  
J. M. L. ..... 2 00  
Mrs. M. Saunders ..... 2 00  
W. Denny ..... 1 00  
R. H. ..... 1 00  
Ernest Hall ..... 5 00  
R. H. ..... 5 00  
Mrs. J. H. Phoenix Brewing Co. .... 5 00  
A. G. ..... 2 50  
Friend ..... 1 00  
Friend ..... 1 00  
Friend ..... 50  
D. H. A. ..... 1 00  
H. P. O. ..... 1 00  
Mrs. C. Greenwood ..... 1 00  
Mrs. V. H. John ..... 2 50  
A Friend ..... 1 00  
Stranger ..... 5 00  
J. Allison ..... 1 00  
J. B. ..... 1 00  
A Friend ..... 1 00  
A. E. M. ..... 1 00  
S. G. ..... 1 00  
H. D. Helmcken ..... 5 00  
J. Sommer ..... 1 00  
Fred ..... 2 50  
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No Name ..... 2 00

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## The Williams Libel Case.

Further Hearing in the Police  
Court Yesterday Before  
Magistrate Hall.

Little Evidence of Importance  
Given—Case Remanded  
to Monday.

Charles Wentworth Sarel, the alleged editor of the Kamloops Standard, was yesterday served with a summons charging him with publishing a defamatory libel concerning Lieut.-Governor McLean in the Standard on January 11 last. The alleged libelous article is the same from which proceedings have been instituted against George Sheldon-Williams charging him with being the author of the same. The case against Sarel will come up in the police court on Monday next for a preliminary hearing.

The adjourned hearing of the case against Williams was continued in the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Hall. A number of witnesses were examined and the case as far as the prosecution is concerned was completed, but in order to afford Mr. Williams, who is appearing for the defendant, an opportunity to call witnesses for the defence the case was adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Sarel was the first witness examined, and he was subjected to a most severe questioning by Deputy Attorney-General McLean, who succeeded in getting little material evidence from him beyond the fact that he has a remarkably poor memory. Mr. McLean in his efforts to extract from the witness an admission that he knew anything bearing on the case, was at times driven to exasperation, so poor was the memory of the witness, who could not recall who was editor in fact of the Kamloops Standard, and at times the proceedings bordered on the dramatic. Mr. McLean was frequently interrupted by counsel for the defence, Mr. Walls, who protested against what he considered was wrong procedure by Mr. McLean in the examination of the witness.

Mr. McLean first questioned Mr. Sarel in regard to the alleged libelous article which had appeared in the Standard after the alleged libelous article had appeared. He had written that editorial. The statement made therein that the editor had personal relations with the Governor was true.

Questioned in regard to the original manuscript of the alleged libelous article, witness said he had gone to Kamloops and made a search for the same but had been unable to secure it. He was identically lost. But he had found some manuscript written by "Observer" under date of January 23 and produced the same. He had not even examined it and did not know what it was.

Mr. McLean questioned him in regard to the handwriting of the manuscript produced. Witness thought it was Williams'. Mr. McLean—What makes you think so? Witness—Well, because Williams had no typewriter.

Mr. McLean—Well, I've got no typewriter. If I wrote you would you think that Williams was the author of the letter?

Witness—No; the matter would not be the same.

Witness did not know if the letters in question had been examined or not. On his return to Kamloops the other day he had simply picked them up out of the pile of copy.

Mr. McLean—Are they in your handwriting?

Witness—I can't remember.

Mr. McLean—Now, Mr. Sarel, we don't want any more nonsense. Is that in your handwriting?

Witness—I tell you I can't tell. My handwriting varies from day to day.

Mr. McLean—And you can't tell if it is your handwriting or not?

Witness—No.

Mr. McLean—Have you any regard for the truth?

Witness—Yes; why certainly.

Witness compared several portions of the handwriting. They did not to him appear to be the same. He pointed out certain corrections in the text which he might have made.

Mr. McLean then questioned witness again in regard to the original manuscript of the alleged libelous article. Witness stated that it could not be found. He had hunted for it in the rubbish in the office, but without avail.

Witness appealed to the court to be protected against anything which he might say being used as evidence in the action which is to be brought against him.

Again taking up the apology which appeared in the Standard, Mr. McLean put the question to witness: "To whom were you referring when you alluded in that article to 'Observer'?"

Witness—I don't know. It might have been myself.

Mr. McLean—Was the article accepted in its entirety?

Witness—I do not know. I made no inquiries.

Mr. McLean—Have you ever written a letter to Williams?

Witness—I don't know.

Mr. McLean—But did you?

Witness—I may have.

Mr. McLean—And you received replies?

Witness—I don't know. Good heavens! haven't I just told you I can't remember all of the correspondence which I may have received from time to time?

Mr. McLean—Come now, tell me if you think you ever got letters from Williams in reply to ones sent by you.

Witness—Yes.

Mr. McLean—Then why did you not tell me that at once?

Witness had some conversation with defendant on Port street regarding the libel case, but the conversation amounted to nothing.

Mr. McLean pressed for some details regarding that conversation, but witness

could not remember. He thought Williams had remarked to him that the prosecution would not amount to anything as they had got hold of the wrong man. He admitted having other conversations with Williams on the matter, but could not remember anything which was said.

Witness did not know if anybody else besides Williams had written to him from Victoria under the nom de plume of "Observer." He had a very poor memory.

Mr. McLean—How many articles appeared in the Standard reviling the Lieutenant-Governor?

Mr. Walls protested against the latitude which the court was allowing counsel in cross-examining the witness.

Continuing, Mr. McLean asked witness if the alleged libelous article was the only paper which he is not editing itself?

Witness—Well, I do.

Mr. McLean—Then you are the only editor?

The witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Walls. He had first met Williams at the publication of the article in Hibben's, he thought. Williams had said to him that they had got hold of the wrong man, and that Joe Martin had his knife in to him (Sarel).

Mr. McLean again took up the letter of the 23rd of January, the manuscript of which witness had produced in court, and questioned witness as to whether it had appeared in the paper. He did not know and again said he could not remember if he had written it. He might have done so.

C. A. Gregg, a Colonist reporter, was then called to the stand. He identified the handwriting of the manuscript produced as that of Williams', his position as editor of the Globe having made him familiar with the same, defendant having handed in for publication a number of letters which were signed by another.

F. Young, commission and insurance agent, of Kamloops, was next called. He was on the staff of the paper, but did some work for it. He did not know who the editor was. Mr. Sarel acted in that capacity generally. When Sarel was absent he sometimes acted in that capacity. He had never seen the copy of the letter published on the 11th of January.

Frank H. Case, of Kamloops, was the next witness. He had been in the employ of the Kamloops Publishing Company for about six weeks. He did not know who acts as editor. Sarel and Young decided what matter was to go in the paper. He did not "set up" the letter from Victoria signed "Observer" which constitutes the alleged libel.

Q. D. H. Warden then testified to having had several talks with the defendant recently in regard to the publication of the article. He inferred from what Williams said at the first meeting with him that he (Williams) had written the article. But Williams on the same occasion denied being the author.

Mr. Walls protested against the admissibility of Warden's evidence, showing the inference which he drew from the conversation being recorded.

Mr. McLean explained that it was a most important point and the evidence most material.

The court sustained Mr. McLean in his contention.

Mr. Walls submitted that no case had been made out by the prosecution.

Mr. McLean—Come now, tell me if you think Williams was the author of the article. He

did not defend the article, but it had not been proved that Williams wrote it. He thought that Sarel, though perhaps a hostile witness, was endeavoring to tell the truth. He first wanted to know from the court if there was a case, before proceeding to call witnesses.

The court decided that there was.

The defendant then announced he had nothing to say in his own defence, and a remand was granted until Monday morning next.

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Dated at Victoria, this 17th day of February, A.D. 1900.

WM. COLSTON, JAMES BAKER, Witness: E. E. Wootton.

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## MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

Victoria and Saanich Railway  
Extension and Loan  
By-Law  
1900.

I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, or places, of the ward or wards, of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-law, 1900, a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist, and which is also posted up at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Cormorant Street, and also in each ward; and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be at least a three-fifths majority of the votes polled.

The polling places are as follows, viz.: For the North Ward, Central Ward and South Ward will be held at the Public Market Building, fronting on Cormorant Street.

And under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of February, 1900.

WM. W. NORTHICOTT, Returning Officer.

And, Whereas, by certain Articles of Agreement bearing date the tenth day of January, 1900, certain powers, and privileges were granted by the Corporation of the City of Victoria to Joseph A. Sayward, William Munsie, Frederick B. Pemberton, and Clement E. Renouf, (hereinafter called "The Trustees"), and which said agreement is in the words and figures following:

Agreement made and entered into this tenth day of January, 1900, between the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called "The Corporation," of the first part, and Joseph A. Sayward, merchant; David Spencer, merchant; Frederick B. Pemberton, financial agent; William Munsie, merchant; and Clement E. Renouf, merchant; hereinafter called "The Trustees," and their assigns, of the second part:

Whereas, the Trustees are desirous of forming a company (hereinafter called and referred to as "The Company") for the purpose of acquiring and operating the Victoria and Saanich Railway and of extending the same to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville, in the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas, for the purposes and for the benefit of the Corporation the Trustees have requested the Corporation to grant to them the franchises, powers, and privileges and to subscribe for and become the holders of shares of the capital stock of the Company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00);

And whereas, the Corporation, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained on the part of each of the parties hereto to be done and performed witnesseth as follows:

1. The Trustees shall and will immediately on the assent of the electors of the said Corporation being obtained to a by-law authorizing the Corporation to subscribe for shares of the capital stock of the Company petition the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia and the Legislature of Canada for the purpose of the next ensuing session thereof to pass an act incorporating the Company heretofore referred to with an authorized capital of not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00), and for all the powers, rights, privileges and franchises necessary and proper to enable the Company most effectually to carry out the objects above set forth and such other objects as the Trustees may deem advisable.

2. That in the event of the passing of such act by either of both of the said legislative authorities the Trustees shall in conformity with the provisions of such act and of the general Railway Act applicable thereto, organize the Company for the purpose of carrying out the objects aforesaid, and that immediately on the organization of the Company the Corporation shall subscribe for shares of the capital stock of the Company to the par value of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), and shall thereupon be deemed to be entitled and subject to all the rights and liabilities of shareholders in the said Company.

Provided, however, that the Corporation shall incur no liability in respect to its subscription for the said shares until the Company shall have either by the sale of its shares at par, or by Municipal, Provincial or Federal bonuses, grants, or guarantees in aid of the construction of the said undertaking, received from the Government of Canada or otherwise, a sum of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).

3. The Trustees hereby undertake and agree that the Company shall not in or by any legal act of incorporation with any other company, or otherwise, the property or assets of the Victoria & Saanich Railway Company, and shall proceed to construct a railway of standard gauge from the town of Chilliwack or Centerville to the town of Chilliwack or Centerville by the route hereinafter mentioned.

4. The Corporation hereby gives and grants unto the said Company the right and power to pass over, across and along such streets and highways of the Corporation as the Company and the Corporation may deem most suitable for such purposes, lying between the present terminus of the Victoria & Saanich Railway, on Hillside Avenue, in the said City of Victoria, and some point at or near the harbor front in the said City.

Provided, however, that no system of double trackings shall be permitted on the streets of the city, and that such extension of the said Victoria & Saanich Railway shall connect with the railway of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and that the route of the proposed extension of the said Victoria & Saanich Railway and the construction thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Municipal Council, City Engineer or some other competent person appointed or approved by the Corporation, and all plans, additions and alterations of the same shall be subject to the same approval.

5. The Company shall be liable for all damages arising out of the construction or operation of the works herein contemplated within the municipality.

6. The Company neglect to keep its tracks or roadways between the same or crossing between and on each side of the rails and two feet on the outer side of each along the whole length thereof in said streets in good condition, or to have any other proper officer requiring such repairs to the Company requiring such repairs

to be made forthwith; and if not made within a reasonable time the said City Engineer or other officer aforesaid may cause the repairs to be made and the amount so expended by the Corporation may be recovered against the Company in any court of competent jurisdiction.

8. The Company shall at its own cost and expense throughout the whole length of the Railway within the said City, cause the space between the rails and space of two feet on the outer side of each rail to be paved or macadamized as the case may be in conformity with the remainder of the street through which the said railway passes.

9. Before breaking up, opening or interfering with any of the said streets for the purpose of constructing the said railway the Company shall give or cause to be given to the Corporation at least thirty days' notice of their intention so to do, and that no more than 2,500 feet of the said streets shall be broken up or opened at any one time; and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption and as rapidly as the same can be carried on due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

10. During the construction of the said works due and proper care shall be taken to leave sufficient space and crossings so that the traffic and travel on the said streets and other streets intersecting same shall not be unnecessarily impeded, and proper lights or watchmen shall be provided and kept by the Company.

11. The location of the said railway in any of the streets shall not be made until the plans thereof showing the position of the rails and other works in each street shall have been submitted and approved of by the Municipal Council and City Engineer, and such approval shall be a condition precedent to the laying out of the said railway.

12. All work in constructing such railway shall be done in a substantial manner and according to the most approved modern methods, and shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the City Engineer or other officer appointed by the Municipal Council of the said Corporation shall appoint for that purpose.

13. The Corporation shall and will at the request of and for the use and benefit of the Company at its option, of which twelve months previous notice shall have been given by the Company to the Corporation, grant and demise for a term of not more than fifty years, at an annual rental not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, for the use and benefit of the Company, of the premises known as the City Market, more particularly known and described as Lots 554, 555, 557, 558, 559, 561, 562 and half of 559 of Block No. 1, in the City of Victoria.

14. The lands and improvements of the Company within the limits of the Municipality of the City of Victoria shall be exempted from Municipal taxation of any and every kind whatsoever and for the purpose of the franchise granted by the Corporation, for a period of ten years from the completion of the undertaking.

15. The Company shall begin the construction of the said undertaking within two years from the date of the completion of the whole undertaking ready for operation within three years from the date of the completion of the By-law and shall continuously operate the same thereafter.

16. That part of the Company's undertaking relating to connection by steamer and ferry for passengers and freight between the terminus of the railway at or near Chilliwack or Centerville and the terminus of the railway at or near the town of Chilliwack or Centerville, shall be complete and in operation at or before the time when the railway shall be constructed and ready for operation from such Central terminal point as the Town of Chilliwack or Centerville.

17. The Company shall construct and equip a passenger steamship of not less than 150 feet in length, with a licensed capacity of not less than 150 first class passengers, and also to carry mails, fast freight and express matter between the Port of Sidney or other the terminal on Vancouver Island, and the point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia, at least two round trips per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of not less than eighteen knots per hour, and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the ports or points aforesaid in any weather.

18. The Company shall construct and equip a twin-screw ferry steamship capable of carrying ten laden freight cars of standard gauge and load capacity of 30,000 lbs. each, and maintain and operate the same between the said ports at least one round trip per day from and after the time of the completion thereof. Such ferry steamship shall have and shall be operated at an average speed of nine miles per hour, and shall be constructed so as to be thoroughly seaworthy and capable of making the passage between the ports or points aforesaid in any weather.

19. The Company shall at Sidney or other terminal point or port on the Mainland of British Columbia acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise sufficient lands and title lands, and shall build or provide and shall maintain and operate such wharves, docks, slips, sheds, warehouses and depots, and lay down such tracks and provide and maintain all such other buildings and terminal works as shall be necessary for the accommodation, transfer and transportation on and over the said railway of the Company of all classes of traffic, both freight and passenger.

20. The Company shall make traffic arrangements and enter into contracts with at least one of the transcontinental railways crossing the line of the said railway for an exchange of traffic and equipment, and shall operate such passenger and freight, and shall be carried over the railway of the company on the Mainland and the railway of the said transcontinental line without transferring traffic from the railway passenger coaches and freight cars respectively of the Company or of the said transcontinental railway respectively.

21. The Mayor for the time being of the City of Victoria shall, ex-officio, be a director of the Company so long as the Corporation shall hold any shares in the Company.

22. From and after the first day of September, 1901, the Company shall in the event of the City of Victoria being called upon to pay any interest upon the bonds of the Victoria & Saanich Railway under the By-law in aid of the Victoria & Saanich Railway Company finally adopted by the Municipal Council on the 20th day of July, 1892, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from any and all such payments and interest on the said bonds, and shall pay and by virtue of the said By-law, and of and from all claims or demands in respect thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of February, 1900.

JOSEPH A. SAYWARD, FREDERICK B. PEMBERTON, WILLIAM MUNSIE, CLEMENT E. RENOUF, Trustees.

WM. W. NORTHICOTT, Returning Officer.

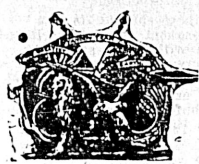
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## THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, Feb. 23.—8 p.m.

## SYNOPSIS.

Normal unsettled weather conditions prevail. A high pressure area covers the Pacific States and the moderate portion of this province, and a low of moderate energy is moving over Cassiar and Cariboo. Snow is falling at Barkerville and Edmonton, while on the Coast the weather has been fair, and in this section clouds, with occasional showers. Zero thermometers are again reported at most points in the Northwest Territories.

## TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	48
New Westminster	40	46
Kamloops	30	40
Barkerville	22	34
Calgary	4	22
Winnipeg	3	24
Portland, Ore.	42	54
San Francisco	50	68

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 p.m. (Pacific time), Saturday:  
Victoria and Vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds; chiefly cloudy, with occasional rain.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; cloudy, with rains.

## VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

## FRIDAY, Feb. 23.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	44	Mean
Noon	45	Highest
5 p.m.	47	Lowest

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	Cal.
Noon	8 miles east.
5 p.m.	8 miles east.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.380  
Corrected.....30.380

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.32

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Miss Lewis, D. R. Ker,  
H. Burrow, J. Bray,  
W. G. G. G., E. D. Shaw,  
Miss Matthews, H. H. Jenkinson,  
R. B. Seabrook, Mrs. Jenkinson,  
Mrs. Seabrook, C. Dougal,  
W. W. Chudsey, Smith Curtis,  
Miss Clarke, Wm. Adams,  
Wm. Henderson, Mrs. Adams,  
E. Ego, Mrs. Bowes,  
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legislature of that year. And that was the thing the government had placed before the house to elucidate the complicated measure which they had brought in. He had taken a pencil and gone over the map, but it was impossible to make anything definite out of it. Having been made on the lines of the old map, it was most difficult to discover where the delimitations came in. Why did the government make use of this map to elucidate the bill they had brought in was an absurdity on the face of it. It just showed the condition of affairs. The government had no idea of bringing in a redistribution bill; to prove this it was only necessary to turn to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech to see clearly that the government at that time had no intention of bringing a redistribution measure forward. The speech stated that a member would be given to Boundary district, a district that required a member if any district in the province did, but that was the length and breadth and depth of this bill that the government had proposed bringing in; there was nothing else to it. The government this session was largely occupied in undoing the legislation that had been passed at the last session. He did not think that anything of importance had been passed at the present session of the house. Not a private bill had gone through; the government had depended for safety on the casting vote of the Speaker, and they have not been able to bring in any legislation of importance to the country, and they have brought in the last moment that this bill would save them; they would run this through the house without attracting too much attention, without maps or information upon which to base an opinion as to the merits of the demerits of the measure. It had been said that some people on this side of the house had described this bill as a gerrymander bill. Bills had often been described as that, and he had had the curiosity to look up the word in the dictionary, and he was much interested to find that it was originally used in the state of Massachusetts, where a bill was once brought up in the time of Governor Gerry. As that bill was the most nondescript thing that ever was seen in the legislature, and nobody could make head or tail of it, they called it first the salamander bill, the salamander being a reptile of interesting habits and varied hues. At that time there was a governor named Gerry who was wrongly supposed to be interested in the bill, but his name was used, and it came to be called, probably through the resemblance of sound, the Gerry-mander bill, and the term spread throughout the United States to signify a measure to make improper use of the powers of legislation. The government had not given this present plan any title, and he did not know what sort of animal it was like unless it was a centipede.

## Mr. Turner on Gerrymander

Leader of Opposition Shows Why the Scheme Deserved Defeat.

A Crude Ill-Considered Measure Pressed At an Inopportune Time.

The speech of the leader of the opposition in the legislature on Thursday, on the motion for the second reading of the redistribution bill, was necessarily abbreviated yesterday, but the importance of the issue involved calls for the following more complete report:

Mrs. TURNER—Before this bill is read a second time it requires the most serious consideration. There were several points to be considered as to the bringing in of this bill. Why was this bill introduced, how was it introduced, what was it introduced for, and how did it originate?

He might, in reference to the first point mentioned—why was the bill introduced?—go back to the time of the last election. As to the statements made in the house during the session, at any rate during the last session, one of the reasons given by the late government—he would not admit that the government was defeated—was not in power last session was that the redistribution measure brought down by them had thrown them out. He had been a great deal over the country during the election last year, and redistribution was never made a question in any district which he had visited. He had visited first many important points in the Kootenays and along the line of the C. P. R., then gone to Chilliwack and to points on the Island, and the question was certainly not made a consideration at that time. The electors in all parts of the province were much more in earnest in regard to matters relating to opening up and developing the country. It was not necessary here to enlarge on these matters again, but the charge made by the then opposition was not with regard to redistribution at that time. The issue closed by the opposition candidates was that the government had been very extravagant, run the country into debt, and did not spend money properly, and they did many other things which have been already referred to in the house.

He went to the government side of the house by reason of the late redistribution bill. The reason this bill was brought in now was something in the nature of the charges the government had levied at the late government. He must admit that the present government had during its lease of office been utterly discredited in the province. He did not think there was any question about that. They need only turn to the conditions last year for proof of that, which would show that the government was not only discredited throughout the province, but was also discredited in Europe. This was owing to the legislation passed during the parliament. It was the first time British Columbia had ever been in the position of being taunted as the province that refused to meet its obligations. That was what that discrediting amounted to, and, rightly or wrongly, the matter was constantly referred to, and worked to the injury of the province. In European and important financial centres this province had been referred to as the province that repudiated its obligations. This was a very serious state of affairs. It could not fail to have the effect of injuring the credit of the province. This had been clearly demonstrated since the opening of the house, the credit of the province having decreased ever since that time. Last June the credit of this province was higher than that of Nova Scotia, but it was now much lower. And that was one of the reasons, or part of the reason, why this bill had been brought in. The government had run the country into a bad condition, and the people were now asking for something. But before he went on to that he would refer to the complaint that had been made at the last election. He would refer to the complaints during the campaign as to what the late government was doing with respect to the district of Cassiar, but since the present bill made no change it is evident that the provision made by the late government for Cassiar was good. That fact carries on its face the refutation of the charge that the late government attempted to gerrymander the district of Cassiar. The attitude of the late government with respect to that district was perfectly correct. What the country was asking for was legislation of a character that would again tend to raise the credit of British Columbia open up and develop the country and tend to tide over the difficulties being forced upon the country by the action of the government in bringing into conflict labor and capital. Legislation that would enable the province to make progress was what the people wanted. But instead of that the government came down with a redistribution bill. The people asked for bread and the government gave them a stone. That was all they had to offer in reply to the wants of the people. This is why the bill was brought in—it is the hope of retaining office. Now, how was it brought in? When this bill was introduced the other day he had got up to speak to it and make inquiry as to the information that was to be furnished with it. But at that time a map was placed on his desk, and he thought it was a plan of the new districts, but to his astonishment, upon investigation the map he found was the old map of 1898, with the old boundaries as laid out by the

time. The present, however, was a most inopportune time to introduce a measure like this. Had the government taken the proper precautions they would have been in the position to come to the house fully provided with all necessary information, including maps and plans. As it was, there was not a member in the house who could say what proportion of voters those districts had which the government proposed to carry out. He could not get into detail of the matter, because there was no information upon which to go, and the gentlemen opposite did not know anything about the matter. He mentioned the case of Alberni as an instance of a district with a small population and few voters, but this retained a member there as he supported them, but Cowichan district adjoining they now doubled up so that it has over 1,000 voters, yet the strike of a member. It was curious to find that no members were taken from the districts which were supposed to support the government; they were all strange to say, taken from the districts which he believed to be in opposition. But they were in a desperate position, and had to do something. They had put out this bill in the hope that it would carry a few more members on that side of the house. But they would find themselves grievously mistaken. The people were not taken in with any such chaff as that.

How did this bill originate? The other day the government had no idea of bringing in a redistribution bill, but a certain gentleman who had formerly been a supporter of that government had asked them to bring in a measure of that kind, and a redistribution bill had been brought in. The leader of the government was in reality on this (the opposition) side of the house. This measure had been brought in not at the request, but at the demand of that gentleman; at his command it was introduced, and was to be rushed forward. There could be no doubt but that he was the master of the assembly.

There were many reasons why this redistribution bill should not have been brought in at this time. In the first place, in connection with the treatment of certain cities of the province with respect to the voters lists. That was a very serious charge to bring against any government. He referred to the purging of the voters lists in the case of Vancouver, Victoria and other cities, and said it was a legal question if anything could be done to have these voters' lists properly dealt with. Large numbers of voters, some of whom had resided here and in other cities of the province, were affected by this action of the government were excluded from those lists. It was found impossible to get their names on. He himself had had the greatest difficulty in so doing. A friend had telegraphed to him in London, he had sent out the necessary application. Many people who had gone to Atlin had been swept off the roll in Victoria. Mr. Helmcken would support him in that statement. In the circumstances it was a most unfair thing of the government to bring in a measure of this kind for which they were not in any way prepared. The position of the government at the present time did not warrant them in bringing in such a bill; they barely had anything through the house; they had barely every vote.

Government members—Hear, hear.  
Mr. Turner—"Well it is the fact, when you go in you do not know whether you will ever come out." They shake their heads and say "happen any moment when they find themselves gone up into the soup." (Laughter.) It was certainly no time for such a government to bring in such a measure as this, which proposed to sweep away some experienced voters, and to carve up others to suit themselves. They knew very well that this was meant to create little pocket boroughs. He need not name them; the government thought they knew of certain places in the province which were considered they could comfortably put in their pockets.

What had the government done—though the act provided for the purging the lists of the four cities, and was brought in especially with reference to Vancouver and Victoria and at the time of its introduction it had been pointed out by the senior member from Vancouver that probably 25 per cent of the names on the Vancouver and probably 40 per cent of the Victoria lists would be struck off, and what does the government do? Why suddenly they have the voters' lists of Victoria and Westminster cancelled, but leave Vancouver and Nanaimo to stand as they were. The effect has been to strike off the names on the Victoria list, some of whom have been residents for many years—some have been to away at Atlin or some other point, and owing to the method taken by the government could not get on.

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HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.  
Committee of the Legislature Report Opinions Formed on Their Recent Visit.  
To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria.  
Gentlemen: Your select committee appointed to examine into the management and working of the asylum for the insane at New Westminster have the honor to submit this report.

1. They visited the asylum on the 3rd instant and were received, in the absence of Dr. Boddington, the medical superintendent, by Dr. Manchester, the assistant medical superintendent, who afforded the committee every facility in the pursuit of their inquiries.  
2. The committee visited all the wards and made an exhaustive examination of the entire establishment as was possible during the limited time at their disposal. They found the patients, the wards and the cells cleanly and generally well adapted for the purposes of a lunatic asylum.  
3. The establishment has been enlarged by the erection of two additions which, built on modern lines, are a great improvement on the buildings originally provided for the use of the inmates.  
4. The committee learned that the government have a reserve of about 100 acres, which in their opinion should be handed over to the asylum authorities for cultivation and as recreation grounds for the inmates. The mildly insane patients might be employed in gardening and in raising vegetables required for the use of the medical superintendent. As the government have adopted the principle of acquiring an acre for every patient, that is, if they build an asylum for three hundred patients they acquire three hundred acres of land. In respect to the provincial asylum is far behind as we have two hundred and forty patients now and only forty acres of land all told. The committee would recommend that this suggestion be acted upon as far and as soon as possible.  
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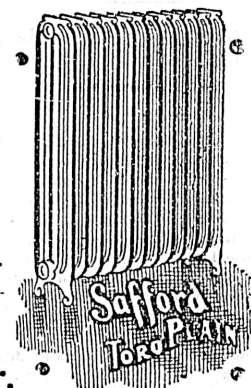
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ment is now more apparent than ever, because of the new hospital department, which cannot be conducted successfully without a good laundry fitted with the most improved appliances.  
6. Complaint was made that the steam engine which drives the electrical dynamo for the lighting of the asylum is situated beneath the dormitories, the consequence being that the noise from the machinery when in motion prevents many of the patients from sleeping at night and keeps the inmates in a constant fever of excitement. The engines and dynamo should be set up near the laundry, which is sufficiently remote from the dormitories to remove this just cause of complaint.  
7. There are many skilled artisans confined in the asylum. Some of these men are experts in the use of tools, and, while insane upon some subjects, are harmless, and are anxious to be employed at their various trades. We saw specimens of handwork in furniture made by a patient which were equal to any work performed by a person in full possession of his senses. It would be an act of economy to provide quarters where the various trades and tools for a carpenter shop, a smithy, a paint shop, a plasterer shop, a brush and broom shop, with chair caning and more apartments in the laundry for the women to do ironing, etc. All the various trades enumerated above are represented on the staff. Larger shoemaker and tailor shops are absolutely necessary, and sleeping quarters for those employees who now reside in the town to the occasional inconvenience of the establishment. If these shops were built of wood there is a possibility that with a good foreman to direct them the patients might furnish most or all the labor.



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